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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Response replies to the Office Action dated November 29, 2002:

<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-9 have been examined, and claims 1-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S.P. 6,039,145 to Ogura et al. ("Ogura")

Claims 1-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ogura.